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Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" How long has the election been delayed ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" There has been a delay of more than two months."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" May I know why the Government in spite of this long delay have not thought it necessary to obtain information regarding the reasons that led to it ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" One of the rules is that election should be held within 15 days ; but it has not been found possible to hold the election within the time. If in this particular case the hon. Member wants information regarding the delay I am prepared to get it."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" May I know if the Government will take steps to avoid such delays ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" We are now considering the question of framing rules under the new Act and the suggestion of the hon. Member will be borne in mind."

Causeway over the Cheyyar river near Tiruvettipuram, North Arcot district.

*71 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that four persons were washed away recently while endeavouring to cross the Cheyyar by the causeway near Tiruvettipuram in North Arcot district ; and

(*b*) with a view to help persons wading through water in causeways of rivers, whether the Government propose to fix iron poles on the western sides of the causeways and connect the poles by chains or rods ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information and no proposal in the matter is before them.

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that if iron poles on the western sides of the causeways are fixed and connected by chains or rods, it will prevent loss of life ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" No, Sir."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—" I want to know whether any information was called for with regard to this particular question ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Information was called for from the district board president concerned and he replied that with regard to clause (*a*) he has no information and with regard to (*b*) he does not agree with the suggestion made."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—" If the district board president has no information he must call for it from the taluk board president concerned."